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SUBJECT: CODEL ZABLOCKI AND MENZEL BOURGUIBA

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1. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CODEL EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER GOT DECISION, BUT ACCEPTED EXPLANATION THAT SOVIET ACCESS TO DRY-DOCK FACILITIES PERMITTED ON PURELY ECONOMIC GROUNDS AND NOT ON REGULAR OR PERMANENT BASIS. CHARMAN ZABLOCKI COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE EMPHATIC PUTTING FORTH VIEW THAT THIS ACTIVITY NOT IN U.S. OR TUNISIAN INTEREST. ZABLOCKI TOLD NOUIRA AND OTHERS THAT HE WOULD QUOTE SOVIET BEAR WAS GETTING ITS PAW IN THE DOOR UNQUOTE. GOT REPS EXPLAINED PORT FACILITY LEFT BY FRENCH AND NOT BEING ECONOMICALLY UTILIZED; THAT GOT HAD TO ACCEPT PAYING CLIENTS EVEN SOVIETS. SOME MEMBERS OF CODEL INDICATED UNDERSTANDING ONE MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGING THAT U.S. QUOTE SELLS WHEAT TO THE RUSSIANS UNQUOTE, ALSO AN ECONOMICALLY MOTIVATED ACTIVITY. GOT VIEW OF CODEL ATTITUDE THEREFORE UNDERSTANDABLE DESPITE BEST EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE USG CONCERN.

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2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI DOES NOT WISH TO AUTHORIZE AMBASSADOR MULCAHY TO ADVISE GOT THAT CODEL ATTITUDES MISINTERPRETED. HE WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER, TO REITERATING CONCERN AND CONVEYING VIEW THAT UNDERSTANDING GOT POSITION BY CODEL DOES NOT RPT NOT CONNOTE SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITY. PICKERING

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